

State Interagency Team Meeting- Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 26, 2022

2:00-3:30

Location: Microsoft Teams

SIT System of Care Recommendations:

1. Address workforce challenges and stress by investing in retention and recruitment efforts that bring in individuals who provide mental health supports, developmental disability services and peer supports.
2. Respond to the additional stress and trauma that has resulted from the past two years of the pandemic for children and families.
3. Invest in community-based supports and services leveraging federal funds and grants.

Present: Leslie Johnson (guest), Alicia Hanrahan, Laurel Omland, Rachel Wassel, Karen Price, Deb Forrett, Cheryle Wilcox, Beth Sausville, Kheya Ganguly, Suzanne Legare-Belcher, Amy Lincoln-Moore, Barb Joyal, Melanie D'Amico, Danielle Bragg

Regrets: Dana Robson, Keith Williams

Resources-thank you, Laurel!!!

From PBS:

- [Helping Children with Tragic Events in the News](#)
- [Helping Kids Navigate Scary News Stories](#)

The NCTSN has a lot of resources that folks could explore, depending on whether their looking for guidance on how to talk about this or if they just want a book to use.

- [Helping Young Children with Traumatic Grief: Tips for Caregivers \(En Español\)](#)
- [Once I Was Very Very Scared](#) – children's book for young children
- [How to Talk to Kids About School Shootings](#) (Child Mind Institute)
- [Helping Children Cope With Frightening News](#) (Child Mind Institute)
- [CBS Mornings](#) clip with practical advice for helping kids, with Jamie Howard, PhD, director of the Trauma and Resilience Service, Child Mind Institute
- [TODAY with Hoda & Jenna](#) clip about how to discuss the tragic event with children, with Child Mind Institute's President and Medical Director, Dr. Harold Koplewicz and Senior Psychologist, Jamie Howard

Agenda Item	Notes
<p>Reviewing updates from last month any major updates we all need to know about related to our System of Care (<i>staffing changes, new programming, policy changes, fiscal, workforce challenges and planning, legislative outcomes</i>)</p>	<p>Laurel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caring for Adolescents with Eating Disorders training happened Monday – over 300 attended, good feedback, recorded the training; Laurel to forward to the group • Legislature charged DMH with creating a workgroup around what’s available for eating disorders, talk of possible intensive outpatient tx options • More work around mobile crisis unit, talk around Medicaid reimbursement <p>Danielle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eating disorders training was great, interested in the eating disorders workgroup • Empty CMO position still • NFI has issued a one-time financial award for staffing challenges related to COVID – Hospital Diversion, working on waiting placement rate for those waiting for psych bed in ER’s • DHVA – behavioral health benefit, have had a couple of mtgs around this so far <p>Cheryle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autism workgroup happening – several years now, been talking about the closure of the Child Development Clinic, let Cheryle know if folks are interested in knowing more • Leg update – new youth council, co-chaired with VDH • June 6 2:30-4pm – AHS mtg around children and youth waiting in ED’s • Leg approved \$ for building improvement projects <p>Alicia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from Sec French about recovery plan for the schools for the Fall, went out last week, have social-emotional platform • Continue to have staffing shortages statewide, SPED administrators and superintendents, along with some specialists • 1500 kids enrolled in home study this year • Expect an increase in the Fall • Lots of wait lists for kids in independent schools • More LEA requests this year <p>Karen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ED position still open position • Worried about families not getting the services they need • Lots of shortened school days and informal suspensions • Lots of assessments not being done • Leg wins – loss around SPED rules but win was H.720 improving services for folks with dev disabilities

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	<p>Suzanne</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She's retiring, in process of hiring, hoping for warm hand off • FD going to be working with ADAP and DMH around OD's and suicides • Also working with various workgroups around housing to help coordinate what's needed • 521 children in hotels today with over 1000 parents • As of 7/1 prior GA housing rules go back into effect <p>Beth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gave update on restructuring of our CO, elevate the voice of Policy and Planning • Lots of System of Care challenges • 5 year Prevention Plan approved 5/13, on Sophie's last day • Lots of support from the legislature, \$ for Family first implementation <p>Barb</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Ops Managers folks leaving – Ruth Houtte and Linda James • 2 DD shifting – BDO Beth Mauer going to CDD and RDO Jen Burkey shifting to CO • Kin Nav project in hard launch – recruiting caregivers and informal families <p>Rachel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • same challenges, more kids coming forward with waivers, extra challenging for everyone due to staffing shortages • 8% rate increase for Medicaid providers which includes DA/SSA's • Good shift in the right direction already • Payment reform folks hosting listening sessions – Part H. 720 bill <p>Add'l notes from the chat:</p> <p>[2:19 PM] Omland, Laurel (She/Her)</p> <p>Eating disorder training recordings of the sessions, handouts, materials, and other resources shared during the day are in the Projects section of VCPI's website: https://www.vtcp.org/projects/disordered-eating-conference-2022</p> <p>Disordered Eating Conference 2022 — Vermont Cooperative for Practice Improvement & Innovation</p> <p>H.720 H-0720 As Passed by Both House and Senate Official.pdf (vermont.gov)</p>

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	<p>[2:33 PM] Hanrahan, Alicia</p> <p>Secretary French's letter https://education.vermont.gov/press-release/recovery-and-revitalization-letter-to-vermont-educators</p> <p>Secretary of Education French, Deputy Secretary Bouchey send Recovery and Revitalization letter to Vermont educators Agency of Education</p> <p>[2:53 PM] Joyal, Barbara</p> <p>Hey, I also forgot to say that FSD asked for a 5% bump to foster parent reimbursement and additional respite \$ for families and we got both.... figuring out the logistics for getting the \$ out the door</p>
<p>Update on Newport and St. Johnsbury LIT visits</p> <p>Coverage for Oct. 11 Rutland LIT Coverage for Nov. 8th Barre LIT visit needed</p>	<p>See notes from Cheryle's email</p>